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SUBJECT:OPIC REPRESENTATIVE'S TRAVEL

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1. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, OPIC FEELS HENDERSON/HOPE MEETINGS WITH DIAWARA AND SAWADOGO KEY TO ASSURING SUCCESS OF MISSION IN LIGHT OF RESPECTIVE CRITICAL ROLES IN PROVIDING GOIC SUPPORT. OPIC AWARE OF SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE. BECAUSE OPIC BELIEVES MINISTERIAL PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF MISSION IN MARCH, EMBASSY SHOULD WEIGH THIS FACTOR CAREFULLY IN DECIDING WHETHER TO SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH MINISTERS FOR ADVANCE PARTY.

2. FOLLOWING TRANSMITTED FOR INFO HENDERSON AND HOPE:

TEXT OF LETTER OF JANUARY 13, 1976 FROM FEHN (FRETHEIM

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CHARTERING) TO FERGUSON (R.O. FERGUSON ASSOC.) RE: -ASTOR

PRODUCTS PROJECT: QUOTE DEAR MR. FERGUSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTERS OF DECEMBER 4, 1975 AND JANUARY 2, 1976. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT YOU KEEP US INFORMED.

AS YOU MAY REALIZE, WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER PROJECTS IN OUR INVESTMENT PROGRAM. WHEN I LAST DISCUSSED OUR IVORY COAST PROJECT WITH MR. FRETHEIM AND MR. HANS W. MAURITZEN, VICE PRESIDENT, THEY INDICATED THEY HAD LOST INTEREST. THEY GAVE AS A REASON THAT THEY WOULD BE RELUCTANT ABOUT ENTERING INTO A PARTNERSHIP PROJECT WITH THE IVORIANS, SINCE THEY DO NOT SEEM WILLING OR ABLE TO MAINTAIN EVEN THE MOST ELEMENTARY PROGRESS OF COMMUNICATION. IT IS STILL AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY I MIGHT BE ABLE TO REVIVE OUR MANAGEMENT'S INTEREST IN THE PROJECT, BUT NOT WITHOUT A FORCEFUL DEMONSTRATION OF A NEW AND MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE HOST COUNTRY ITSELF. WE WOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT YOU AND YOUR COMPANY ON THE THOROUGH AND COMPETENT WAY YOU HAVE DONE THE PRELIMINARIES ON THE PROJECT, AND WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS UNQUOTE..
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